

Law 341 are countervailable subsidies within the meaning of section 771(5). They were a direct transfer of funds from the GOI providing a benefit in the amount of the difference between interest paid at the benchmark rate and interest paid by CO.R.EX. after accounting for the GOI's interest contributions. Also, they were found to be regionally specific within the meaning of section 771(5A).

Because the loan received by CO.R.EX. is a long-term loan with a variable interest rate and we did not have a variable benchmark rate, we treated it as a series of short-term loans and calculated the interest savings during the POR to be the sum of the interest contributions received on the loan during the POR and the difference in interest on the loan as calculated at the reference rate and at the benchmark rate. On this basis, we determine the countervailable subsidy for this program to be 0.80 percent *ad valorem* during the POR.

IV. Programs Preliminarily Determined To Be Not Used

We preliminarily determine that CO.R.EX. and its subcontractor did not apply for or receive benefits under the following programs during the POR:

- A. VAT Reductions
- B. Export Credits Under Law 227/77
- C. Capital Grants Under Law 675/77
- D. Retraining Grants Under Law 675/77
- E. Interest Contributions on Bank Loans Under Law 675/77
- F. Interest Grants Financed by IRI Bonds
- G. Preferential Financing for Export Promotion Under Law 394/81
- H. Corporate Income Tax (IRPEG) Exemptions
- I. European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund
- J. Urban Redevelopment Under Law 181
- K. Local Income Tax (ILOR) Exemptions
- L. Industrial Development Loans Under Law 64/86
- M. Export Marketing Grants Under Law 304/90
- N. Lump-Sum Interest Payment Under the Sabatini Law for Companies in Southern Italy
- O. Remission of Taxes on Export Credit Insurance under Article 33 of Law 227/77
- P. European Social Fund
- Q. European Regional Development Fund
- R. Export Restitution Payments

Preliminary Results of Review

For the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy for CO.R.EX. to be 1.14 percent *ad valorem*. If the final results of this

review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties at this net subsidy rate on all entries of the subject merchandise from CO.R.EX. entered on or after January 1, 1997 and on or before December 31, 1997.

The Department also intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to collect a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties of 1.14 percent of the f.o.b. invoice value on all shipments of the subject merchandise from CO.R.EX. entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this new shipper review. The cash deposit rates for all other producers/exporters remain unchanged from the last completed administrative review (see *Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Pasta from Italy* (63 FR 35665, August 14, 1998).)

Public Comment

Parties to this proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology within five days of publication of this notice and interested parties may request a hearing no later than 30 days after the date of publication. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication of these preliminary results. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted five days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit written arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f).

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs are due.

The Department will publish the final results of this new shipper review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081198D]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (NPFMC) Observer Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 23-24 1998, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Observer Training Room, Building 4, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Oliver, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will continue discussions of observer coverage levels and goals of the program, as well as necessary short-term changes to the existing program while a new fee-based funding mechanism is being developed.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081198B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The NPFMC's Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) Committee has scheduled a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 21-22, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Room 2079, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will review the draft environmental assessment and regulatory impact review for proposed changes to the IR/IU program.

Although other issues may come before this committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081198C]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Western/Central Gulf of Alaska Management Committee has scheduled a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the on Historic Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will review analysis for a "fair start" provision of the Pacific cod longline fisheries, review the 1998 pollock "B" season results, and discuss possible additional management measures for the Western/Central Gulf of Alaska fisheries.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082098H]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet during September 13-18, 1998. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, September 14, at 1 p.m. with a closed session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The open session begins at 1:30 p.m. The Council will reconvene Tuesday through Friday at 8 a.m. in open session. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Red Lion's Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 924-8041.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW. Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Call to Order
 1. Opening Remarks, Introductions, Roll Call
 2. Oath of Office for New Members
 3. Approve Agenda
 4. Approve June 1998 Meeting Minutes
- B. Dungeness Crab Management - Determine Need for Council Plan
- C. Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management - Consider Coordinated Management in the Pacific
 - D. Pacific Halibut Management
 1. Status of 1998 Fisheries
 2. Proposed Changes to Regulations for 1999
 - E. Coastal Pelagic Species Management - Adopt Final Plan Amendments
 - F. Habitat Issues
 - G. Salmon Management
 1. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries
 2. Preliminary Draft Plan Amendments